the electrification of villages in the country;

(b) if so, what amount has been given and what are the terms and conditions attached thereto; and

(c) the number of villages likely to be covered by this aid State-wise and District-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) An amount of about Rs. 105 crores was received by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), by way of grant from United States Agency for International Development (USAID) during the years 1969--74 for providing loans for Rural electrification schemes. In addition to this a loan equal to about US $ 58 million from USAID was also made available to REC for financing procurement of specified materials by the States Electricity Boards to be used for execution of rural electrification schemes. The principal amount of this Aid is repayable within 40 years. An interest of 2 per cent p.a. for the first 10 years and 3 per cent p.a. thereafter is payable on the outstanding balance of the principal and unpaid interest. No specific target of village electrification was fixed in respect of these.

Power shortage in Karnataka

2286. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the power shortage in Karnataka and whether there are any chance of Karnataa becoming self-sufficient in power in the near future; and

(b) the steps taken by the State Government and the Central Government to make available adequate power keeping in view its demand during the next 10 to 15 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) During the period April to October, 1987, the power shortage in Karnataka was about 26.7. As Karantaka is largely dependent on hydro generation, the availability of power mainly depends on the reservoir levels in the State. The State is expected to face power shortage of varying degrees in the near future depending upon the reservoir levels.

(b) Various steps are being taken to increase the availability of power in the State which include expediting commissioning of new capacity, optimum generation from the existing capacity, reduction of transmission and distribution losses and implementation of energy conservation and demand management measures. In addition, the State would also get its share of power from the Central Stations in the Southern Region. To the extent possible assistance would also continue to be provided to Karnataka from the unallocated portion of power from the Central Sector stations in the Southern Region as well as from the neighbouring systems.

Coal Minies under CCI

2287. SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 130 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1987 and state the number of mines which are at present under the management of the Central Coalfields Ltd?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): At present, there are 54 coal mines under the Central Coalfields Ltd.

Cement industries in Orissa

2288. SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many cement industries have been set up so far in Orissa both in the public and private sectors;